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1. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES OF SINGAPORE D.O. STATE THAT THE SAILING
VESSEL "THE BLACK PEARL" ORIGINALLY RRRIVED IN SINGAPORE UNDER
NAME "EOLUS" FLYING BRITISH FLAG.

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2. VESSEL SUFFERED SOME HUL DAMAGE AND WAS REPAIRED AT THE SINGAPORE SLIPWAY AND ENGINEERING CO'S YARD IN NOV 75. AT THE SAME TIME EXTENSIVE RESTRUCTURING OF CABINS, BULKHEADS, ETC. WAS ACCOMPLISHED. SINGAPORE D.O. ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN BLUEPRINTS SHOWING CHANGES MADE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE CI, THE TRANS PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL PTE LTD IS THE AGENT FOR "THE BLACK PEARL". THE VESSEL IS SAID TO BE OWNED BY A FRENCHMAN, NAME UNKNOWN. CREW IS OF ALL EUROPEAN ORIGIN AND PRESENTLY CONSISTS OF A SPANIARD, AN AUSTRALIAN AND SEVERAL BRITISH. THE CAPTAIN MORSE MENTIONED IN REFTEL IS EMPLOYED BY TRANS PACIFIC.

4. CAPTAIN OF "THE BLACK PEARL" IS ALLEGED TO BE A BRITISH CITIZEN, FNU BARKER, WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECENTLY GONE TO FRANCE AND HAS NOT RETURNED TO DATE.

5. THE FRENCH IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE THIS MONTH TO MAKE SAILING ARRANGEMENTS.

6. THE SINGAPORE SLIPWAY AND ENGINEERING COMPANY IS OWED S\$168,000 (US\$68,000) FOR THE REPAIRS AND WILL NOT LET THE VESSEL DEPART UNTIL THE BILL IS PAID IN FULL.

7. ACCORDING TO ALL SOURCES AND VISUAL CONTACT THE "BLACK PEARL" IS IN EXCELLENT SHAPE AND CAPABLE OF ANY VOYAGE ITS OWNER MAY WANT TO UNDERTAKE.
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